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For: WATER SENSING WIRE AND)
POWER CABLE USING A)
WATER SENSING WIRE)

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2. German Patent Application No. 196 28 702. The relevance of this document is discussed at page 3 of the specification of the present application as DE 195 27 172. DE 196 28 702 is a continuation application of DE 195 27 172.

3. German Patent Application No. 100 19 707. The relevance of this document is discussed at page 3 of the specification of the present application.

4. German Patent Application No. 100 19 430. The relevance of this document is discussed at page 3 of the specification of the present application.

5. Goehlich et al. - The relevance of this document is discussed at page 3 of the specification of the present application.

6. German Patent Application No. 26 38 609.

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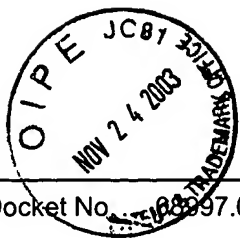
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